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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR NASA AIRCRAFT

1. NASA SPONSORED GSFC PROJECT X-328 HAS OBJECTIVES TO STUDY THE FUNDAMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN CLOUD LIFE CYCLES AND CLOUD MOVEMENT IN RELATION TO WIND AND OTHER WEATHER PHENOMENA. THE RESULTS OF THESE STUDIES WILL HAVE A STRONG INFLUENCE ON FUTURE METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE DESIGN.
 2. THIS PROJECT REQUIRES THAT TEN DATA FLIGHTS (WHICH ARE WEATHER DEPENDENT) BE CONDUCTED WITHIN A 400 NAUTICAL MILE RADIUS OF BERMUDA OVER OCEAN WATER.
 3. AIRCRAFT IS NASA OWNED NP-3A, CALL SIGN NASA 927.
 4. SENSORS OPERATED WILL BE HAND HELD HASSELBLAD CAMERA TO PHOTOGRAPH CLOUD FORMATIONS AND THE PRT-5 TO RECORD SURFACE TEMPERATURES BELOW THE AIRCRAFT. THE REMAINDER OF THE DATA REQUIRED IS THE AIRCRAFT POSITION WHICH IS RECORDED FROM THE AIRCRAFT INERTIAL NAVIGATION SYSTEM.
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5. THERE WILL BE NO SENSOR SYSTEMS OPERATED OVER ANY LAND MASS AT ANY TIME DURING FOREIGN DEPLOYMENT.

6. MISSIONS TO BE CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 26, 1976 TO FEBRUARY 13, 1976 DEPENDING UPON CLOUD AND WEATHER CONDITIONS.

7. THE AIRCRAFT CREW WILL BE APPROXIMATELY TEN PERSONS AND 2 OR 3 SCIENTISTS FROM GSFC WHO WILL BE FLYING ON THE AIRCRAFT DURING DATA FLIGHTS. ALL ARE U.S. CITIZENS.

8. PILOT WILL FILE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT PLANS.

9. AIRCRAFT WILL STAGE FROM BERMUDA NAS (KINDLEY) BERMUDA AND WILL REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING OPERATIONAL SUPPORT:

A. PARKING SPACE

B. AIRCRAFT FUEL AND OIL (APPROXIMATELY 26,000 POUNDS PER FLIGHT WITH APPROXIMATELY 10 FLIGHTS REQUIRED)

C. GROUND POWER UNIT MD3 OR EQUIVALENT

D. NORMAL BASE OPERATIONS FLIGHT CLEARANCE AND SUPPORT

E. NORMAL WEATHER FORECASTS

F. IN-FLIGHT BOX LUNCHES.

10. REQUEST EMBASSY NOTIFY APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AND OBTAIN ANY NECESSARY CLEARANCES FOR STAGING PERIOD JAN. 26-FEB. 13, 1976, AND ADVISE. KISSINGER

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